(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete sleeper plant would be set up in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railway has planned to set up 15 new concrete sleeper plants at (i) Chak Sikander (East Central Railway) (ii) Dauram Madhepura (East Central Railway) (iii) Sitamarhi (East Central Railway) (iv) Wena (East Central Railway) (v) Palghat (Southern Railway) (vi) Bitragunta (South Central Railway) (vii) Harihar (South Western Railway) (viii) Mandagere (South Western Railway) (ix) Yelahanka (South Western Railway) (x) Kathua (Northern Railway) (xi) Sultanpur (Northern Railway) (xii) Roza (Northern Railway) (xiii) Dhilwan (Northern Railway) (xiv) Aunrihar (North Eastern Railway) (xv) Bhanga (North East Frontier Railway).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Railway has planned to set up 4 concrete sleeper plants in East Central Railway at (i) Chak Sikander (ii) Dauram Madhepura (iii) Sitamarhi & (iv) Wena. All these four locations fall in Bihar.

Revival of lakes in Udaipur

97. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many lakes in Udaipur, which have dried up are being sold as plots and roads are being constructed on them;

(b) whether Udaipur Urban Improvement Trust has taken clearance from his Ministry to build these roads; and

(c) what steps are being taken to revive these lakes and water-bodies?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Rajasthan, a Committee was constituted for identification of lakes in Udaipur. The Committee has identified 42 waterbodies and classified them in three categories—1. Lakes, 2. Panchayat Ponds, 3. Water collection structure on khatedari lands. In this context, the State

Government has also informed that no such classified lake which has dried up, is being sold as plots or roads constructed on them.

(b) During 2004-05, Udaipur Improvement Trust (UIT), as per the State Government has constructed 40 kms. roads in different parts of the city. None of the roads constructed by UIT, Udaipur are reported to have affected any of the existing lakes in the city.

(c) As per the State Government, a number of steps have been taken for revival of the lakes and waterbodies in Udaipur city which include (i) removal of encroachments and obstacles, which may obstruct flow of water into the lakes and waterbodies, (ii) implementation of a sewerage project to ensure that the sewerage from nearby areas don't enter the lakes and (iii) constitution of a Committee namely 'Jheel Conservation and Jheel Development Society' to ensure that all actions required to preserve, revive and beautify the lakes are taken in a planned manner.

Assistance to Horticulture Training Centre, Pune

†*98. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Holland, accorded the status of excellent training centre to the Horticulture Training Centre, Talegaon Dabhade, district Pune, and provided Rs. 4 crore for setting up of the centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the estimated annual expenditure of this training centre would approximately be Rs. 9 crores;

(c) whether the training centre has demanded Rs. 1 crore for its annual expenditure from the National Horticulture Board; and

(d) if so, the decision being taken by the Board in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) Government of Netherlands has given a citation stating Horticulture Training Centre (HTC), Pune being implemented with the support from Netherlands as the best collaboration project during the year 2004 in Pune, India and the Netherlands Financial Agency has given a grant of 8 million Euro (approximately Rs. 4.00 crore) for setting up the training

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.